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SUBJECT: EVACUATION DESTINATION

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1. I URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO RECONSIDER ITS PLANS TO TAKE EVACUEES FROM ANGOLA TO EITHER LIBREVILLE OR ACCRA. THE U.S. OR EUROPE SHOULD BE THE PRIME DESTINATIONS, WITH JOHANNESBURG AS AN ALTERNATE.

2. A NUMBER OF FACTORS MAKE ACCRA AND ESPECIALLY LIBREVILLE POOR CHOICES.

A. WE ARE NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR EVACUATING CANADIAN AND BRITISH CITIZENS. THE INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS FIGURES IS NOT HUGE, BUT ENOUGH TO EQUIRE MANY MORE ROOMS AND EFFORT

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AT THE SAFEHAVEN.

B. ONWARD CONNECTIONS WILL BE MUCH MORE READILY MADE FROM EUROPE OR JOHANNESBURG.

C. ACCOMMODATIONS: WITH OUR INCREASED NUMBERS LIBREVILLE WOULD APPEAR TO BE OUT OF THE QUESTION. AGAIN, SOME OF THE EVACUEES WILL WANT TO REMAIN AT THE SAFEHAVEN UNTIL THEY CAN RETURN TO ANGOLA AND WILL REQUIRE SEMI-PERMANENT ACCOMMODATIONS OF A TYPE MORE READILY AVAILABLE IN EUROPE OR JOHANNESBURG.

D. LANGUAGE WILL BE A PROBLEM AT LIBREVILLE.

E. VISAS. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY AGREED TO WAIVE VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR EVACUEES.

3. NO POLITICAL FLAK WILL BE GENERATED BY THE EVACUATION TO SOUTH AFRICA OF AMERICAN, CANADIAN OR BRITISH CITIZENS. IT IS THE ONLY LOGICAL SAFEHAVEN FROM ANGOLA AND TO GO ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION WOULD WORK A HARDSHIP ON THE EVACUEES THEMSELVES. KILLORAN

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